

around the world and our own economy. It is not.

So far, 80 million barrels have already been released, but it hasn't driven down prices. Instead, the reserves we have in the ground that oil people can produce for us are the things that are going to change oil prices, not tapping into our reserves.

There is only going to be a few days' worth to run the country on, or bleeding it out over 180 days, 1 million barrels at a time.

Tap into our energy we have so abundantly in this country. That will affect the market for us, for our allies in Europe, and actually truly make a big difference, instead of playing this little game with our oil reserves that doesn't do anything other than look like we are doing something.

Let's get back to work on putting Americans to work and our energy dependability on us and not on others. I ask the President to change directions on this policy.

PUTIN IS DESTABILIZING THE WORLD ECONOMY AND ORDER

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, last week, I held an in-person townhall to hear how inflation impacts our community. Too many Pennsylvanians are making tough choices to put food on the table, gas in their tanks, and other budgetary choices.

Today, I rise to discuss why confronting Putin abroad helps address inflation issues here at home.

It is no secret that we live in a global market. We became acutely aware of that fact during the pandemic. Ukraine and Russia provide us, and the world, grain, oil, gas, and even things like fertilizer.

When we are at war in these areas or people are at war in these areas, this impacts our economy colossally. We are again seeing how connected we are, this time not from a global disease but, rather, from a diseased man.

Vladimir Putin is infected, and he is inflicting untold horrors on the people of Ukraine and simultaneously destabilizing our world economy and order.

To fully address these rising costs and inflation in part caused by this Russian war, our top priority has to be bringing a just, durable, and lasting peace to this conflict in Ukraine.

The longer the war rages on, the longer it will take for our economy to recover. That is why we must impose strong sanctions against Russia, coordinated with our allies; we must expedite weaponry to Ukraine; and we must return to prepandemic domestic oil production levels to meet our domestic needs and to help bring down global market costs.

For the people of the Sixth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I promise to keep doing everything in

my power to make sure we can alleviate pressures that are felt at home from abroad.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS DELESANDRI

(Mr. WEBER of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Chris Delesandri on his retirement after a dedicated 41 years of service with United Way of Galveston County Mainland, where he served as the executive director for the past 10 years.

Not only did Chris serve Galveston County during his time with United Way, but Chris has also served as the president of the Rotary Club of Texas City. He was elected to the Roll of Fame for Rotary District 5910 and earned the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards volunteer.

Chris always prioritized giving back to his community, and as such, he has earned several awards through the Chamber of Commerce, such as Citizen of the Year in 2008 and the Leslie Hayley Community Service Award in 2014.

I commend Chris for his numerous accomplishments and his dedicated service to our district and congratulate him on his retirement. I am so glad to represent him and call him a friend. He deserves a great retirement.

Have a good one, buddy.

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DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO DRIVE STABILITY AND GROWTH IN SMALL BUSINESSES

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for all the good work that they have done to support American small businesses during the pandemic.

Democrats working with President Biden have helped businesses to keep their lights on and employees on payroll.

Biden's plan has enabled a remarkable rebound in small business activity with small business demand for labor and inventory near record high.

The share of small businesses that have created new jobs in the first quarter of this year is higher than at any point in the Trump administration.

Democrats are continuing to drive stability and growth in small businesses. H.R. 3807 is in furtherance of that. The bill provides \$13 billion to establish a Hard Hat Industry's Award Program to provide awards to small businesses across all industries and sectors that were hardest hit by the pandemic, regardless of industry or business.

My colleagues and I are proposing solutions focused on assisting small busi-

nesses, the true engine of our Nation's economy, to rebuild and help our economy be better than before.

CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I have visited our southern border three times since I have been in office, and the crisis is only getting worse.

Not only have we seen the most illegal crossings on record over the past year, but also fentanyl overdoses are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 45, and the top source of fentanyl is the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Biden administration's decision to end title 42 without a plan will only worsen this crisis.

It is past time to stop playing politics with border security. Federal law requires the Department of Homeland Security to create and implement a strategy to secure our northern border, but we currently don't have one that addresses the southern border crisis.

I introduced the Comprehensive Southern Border Strategy Act to change that and direct the Department of Homeland Security to create a strategy to secure our U.S.-Mexico border.

Our economic prosperity, national security, and public safety requires secure borders.

DEMOCRATS ARE BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, President Joe Biden has done an awesome job creating jobs. He is a jobs President.

Last year, 6.6 million jobs were created. In the last 14 months working with congressional Democrats 7.4 million jobs were created, the most in United States history.

Democrats are building a better America for the future and for the people.

What are Republicans doing? I don't know.

Last week, Republican Congressman MADISON CAWTHORN bragged about being invited to cocaine-fueled sex orgies by senior Republicans. Don't believe me? Search for "MADISON CAWTHORN Republican Caucus" on the internet.

TITLE 42 MUST BE REINSTATED

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, the administration is removing healthcare workers, Federal employees, and members of the Armed Forces